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SUBJECT: TURKISH AIDE MEMOIRE ON GSP BENEFICIARY
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1. ON FEBRUARY 13 TURKISH PERM REP AYTUR GAVE
AMBASSADOR TURNER AIDE MEMOIRE SETTING OUT REASONS
WHY TURKEY SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR US SCHEME OF
GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. AIDE MEMOIRE
NOTES THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY FORWARDED
REQUEST TO USG THROUGH US EMBASSY IN ANKARA, BUT THAT
THEY CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO PROVIDE US DEL TO OECD
WITH INFORMATION ON MAIN FEATURES OF REQUEST. NOTE
STATES THAT TURKEY IS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY BY ANY
OBJECTIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STANDARD, AND THAT HER EFFORTS
TO ACHIEVE HER DEVELOPMENT GOALS WITHIN A PARLIAMENTARY
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DEMOCRATIC FRAMEWORK SHOULD BE ADDITIONAL FACTOR IN

HER FAVOR. REGARDING ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH EC, NOTE SAYS THIS IS AIMED AT ESTABLISHMENT OF CUSTOMS UNION AS ENVISAGED BY GATT ARTICLE 24 AND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND ENDORSED BY GATT COUNCIL. THUS, IT SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS FACTOR WITH ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE US. NOTE ALSO REMARKS THAT SHARE OF US IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN OVERALL TRADE VOLUME OF TURKEY HAD DECREASED ALMOST 50 PERCENT IN THE LAST DECADE BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. NOTE CONCLUDES BY SAYING EXCLUSION OF TURKEY FROM US GSP WILL HAVE NO JUSTIFIABLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS AND WILL CONSTITUTE SUBSTANTIAL DISCRIMINATION WITH DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON HER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND REQUESTS THAT US DECISION ON TURKISH ELIGIBILITY NOT BE UNDULY DELAYED IN VIEW OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE BEING POUCHED TO DEPT. AS POINTS MADE SEEM BASICALLY SAME AS THOSE MADE BY AYDIN YEGEN IN WASHINGTON FEB. 4 AND REPORTED IN REFTTEL, MISSION INTENDS (UNLESS DEPT OBJECTS) TO SEND LETTER TO AMBASSADOR AYTUR RESPONDING ALONG LINES TAKEN BY GLITMAN IN FEB. 4 MEETING.
TURNER

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